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## Donate Furniture, Change Lives



Used Kitchen/Dining Tables

By P.Kaye Hanifee, Falstone Avenue

In preparation for the bulk trash pick-up, the local nonprofit group **A Wider Circle** will have a truck parked at **Town Hall on Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon** to collect gently used furniture, home goods, and baby items in good condition. A Wider Circle redistributes items free of charge to families transitioning from shelters or other homeless circumstances, or who

are otherwise just living without their basic needs. **Mattresses** are always a much-needed item, but they must be free of rips or stains. Additionally, families are in need of **kitchen/dining tables, living room furniture, end tables, lamps, gently used linens and towels, dish sets, baby items and children's clothing** up to size 4T. They cannot accept drop-side cribs at this time. **Unopened personal care items such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant and cleaning supplies** are always welcome.

If your items are too large to bring to Town Hall, A Wider Circle has arranged to have a second truck doing pick-ups that morning as well. Please contact **Katie Reidy, 301-608-3504** or [furnish@awidercircle.org](mailto:furnish@awidercircle.org) to get on the schedule or if you have questions.

A Wider Circle is celebrating **ten years** of service that evening at an event at the **Katzen Center**. In the past ten years, they have served more than **85,000 people**, furnished more than **10,600 homes**, delivered more than **2,500 educational workshops**, and recycled more than **8,000,000 pounds of furniture**—and counting! *Thanks to the Town of Somerset and its residents for being part of the effort.*

## Call For Somerset Elementary Back-to-School Classic Volunteers!

By Courtenay Labson, Falstone Avenue

The **24th Annual Somerset Elementary Back-to-School Classic** is just around the corner on **Sunday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m.** and includes **8K and 2K** races. The proceeds of this wonderful community event enable Somerset Elementary School to provide **scholarships** for its **after-school programs**, build its **library**

**collections and classroom resources**, and offer a rich cultural arts program.

It takes many volunteers to make the event a success. Critical to its success is the **race marshal team**—the folks who cheer the runners on, hand out cups of water, and offer helpful directions. The more marshals, the smoother and more fun the event is.

Volunteers who live along the **racecourse** can simply stand in front of their homes and perform their roles (*though we need to organize everyone in advance to ensure we have folks posted*

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## Calendar

### Monday, October 3

Pool House Dedication,  
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 4

Flu Vaccine Clinic  
3:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, October 15

A Wider Circle Pickup  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

### Monday, October 17

Bulk Trash Pick Up

### Sunday, October 23

Somerset Elementary  
Back-to-School Classic

Don't forget to check the Town website throughout the month for an up-to-date calendar. Go to [www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com) and click on **Town Calendar**.

The Preliminary Agenda for each month's Town Council meeting is posted on the Town website ([www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com)) seven days prior to the meeting. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board on the Town Hall porch.



## On My Mind

By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

### Agenda Success

It has now been more than three years since I was elected to Somerset's top office, and I am really beginning to feel a sense of accomplishment. The Council and I have taken many steps and actions to **professionalize** Town government and to enhance residents' day-to-day living. I am proud of this record.

For example, we are all excited about the official dedication of the **rebuilt pool** house next month, after a long wait. Our recent traffic calming measures have been implemented and are **effective**. The permit process and construction oversight is greatly improved and an excellent, well-selected staff guides us. Committees have been reactivated and provide expert advice. Most of our streets have been or will soon be repaved. A **new** personnel manual, trash removal contract and pool management company are all in place. Our Journal, E-blast, and other communication devices are **stronger**. I could go on.

For years there has been frustration with the **pace** and **length** of our monthly meetings, not an unusual situation involving a town council, legislature, nonprofit group, or other kind of governing body across the public and private spectrum. As the newest person running the meeting, I have tried to be efficient and fair, always trying to ensure that the decision makers—the Council—get sufficient information to make good decisions and as much input from the audience as possible. It is my goal to avoid a chaotic situation and ensure that all voices are heard, with priority given to the elected officials. However, it seems that until now, the **Agenda** itself is has not been written in a manner that conveys this mission and not everyone is clear on when it is appropriate to speak or ask a question.

**Voila!** This month I sat down with our Town Manager and Council Vice President to come up with some standard language for every agenda item, which I think will give a greater understanding of how each segment of the meeting is conducted. There is also a **"Key"** at the bottom of the Agenda with explanatory language, so we will not have to remember from month to month what each word means. To make it easier to understand, there will only be four types of items: **"Motion," "Discussion," "Comment,"** and **"Public Hearing."** This newly written Agenda format will improve the effectiveness of the meeting while preserving our commitment to listen to the citizens.

Finally, in order to save time, I find it important to remind everyone to do his or her homework before, not during the meeting! Read your **Journals** and **E-blasts** in a timely manner as that will be a big help.

In the end, I think the new format will be beneficial for everyone.

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*Maxine Finkelstein, Editor*  
Deadline for ads and copy is the 15th of the month at 4:30 p.m.

## Permits Granted



### Trees

Town Arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, has recommended that we remove the following Town Trees:

**Capello Park Red Maple Tree #883, 30" dbh** (diameter at breast height). The tree is co-dominant at the base with a high risk of splitting. The upper branches are hollow, and the tree is hazardous.

**Capello Park White Pine Tree #907, 12" dbh.** The pine is severely leaning over Wisconsin Avenue and has a damaged main supporting root.

Naturalized area on the corner of **Wisconsin and Dorset Avenue South of Dorset Avenue**. The area has five dead trees to remove. Four are under **12" dbh**, one is **20" dbh**. The large tree is very hazardous leaning over the pathway.

Permission to perform the work is on the Town Council Agenda for the **October 3, 2011 Meeting**.

## Security Committee Report

By Birdie Pieczenik, Chair, Security Committee



### Summer Ends But The Recession Continues

Summer's end usually brings with it an end to increased **criminal activity**. Whether it's the good weather, the increased hours of sunlight, or the increased number of strangers in the community (construction activity, solicitations,

and unrelated wanderers), crime has always increased during spring and summer. It certainly did this year, with **three burglaries** heading the list.

Unfortunately, the **recession** continues and times are tougher and longer for more people. The Town of Somerset, however idyllic a community we feel we reside in, is part of a metropolitan area. This puts a continuing burden on each of us to take as many **crime deterrence** measures as possible, for our own good and for the good of our neighbors.

It is important to read the **security tips** published in the Journal and online. A recent article dealt with a ladder standing against a house when no one was home. One of the recent burglaries involved a **ladder** used to get to the **second floor** of the house. Many security articles dealt with keeping **doors/windows locked**, even when at home; one of the burglaries involved a house entered through an unlocked door when the resident was home.

While it is not possible to prevent crime completely in Somerset, residents must be accountable for their actions and inactions. It is negligent to ignore the advice the Security Committee has provided over the past years. It is responsible to ask the **Montgomery County Police Department** to provide an officer to conduct a free security assessment of your home.

For the **victim of a crime**, the feelings of **vulnerability, anxiety, and distrust** linger for years. Let's all try to limit the number of times that you and your neighbors suffer from those feelings by taking judicious and prudent deterrent actions to improve security in your home and in the neighborhood.

## Environmental Committee Report

By George Wyeth, Chairman, Environmental Committee

### Recycling Update

August 2010	August 2011	Highest To Date
14.44 tons	14.64 tons	26.14 tons (Nov 2010)
29.3%	44.6%	51.2% (May 2011)

Somerset is getting serious about recycling. Since **May 2010** when statistics became available, the recycling trend in Somerset has been up. In **August 2011**, **44.6 percent** of waste was recycled, compared to only **29.3 percent** the previous August. *(The total amount recycled was only slightly higher, because the total volume of waste was significantly less—also a desirable trend.)* The highest percentage recycled was **51.2 percent** in **May** of this year. Although the recycling percentage declined after May, it has remained consistently higher than in comparable months a year ago.

The **Environmental Committee** encourages Town residents to set a goal to consistently recycle at least **50 percent** of all waste. We will publish regular updates to keep everyone informed on how we are doing.

# Notes from the Manager's Desk

By Rich Charnovich, Town Manager



## Town Hall Top 10 List

Each month I will do my best to inform our residents about **10 important issues** I see happening right now within the Town of Somerset. (*This month it's the Top 12!*) Let's just hope that **Dave Letterman** doesn't find out that I "**borrowed**" his idea! As always, if anyone has any questions regarding Town operations, please feel free to contact me at Town Hall at [manager@townofsomerset.com](mailto:manager@townofsomerset.com) or 301-657-3211.



## Pepco

Recently, the **Town of Somerset** approved two permit applications for **Pepco** to perform reliability work within the Town. Town staff has been waiting

for dates from Pepco to schedule a pre-project walk-through to identify any areas of concern in the community. If anyone would like specific details on the two permits that have been approved, please contact me. In addition to the two permits that have been approved, the Town is working to schedule a meeting through the **Ad Hoc Committee** on Pepco issues established by **Mayor Slavin** to discuss reliability concerns and measures that can be taken in the future to help limit power outages within the Town.

## Special Bulk Trash Pick-Up



Bulk Trash Pick-Up

The Town will hold its fall bulk trash pickup on **Monday, October 17, 2011**. Please place your trash at the curb by **7:00 a.m.** that morning. **No liquid latex paint**. Appliances must have **Freon** removed. **No hazardous waste, construction debris, or yard waste**. If you have any questions, please contact **Town Hall** or **Unity** directly—**301-490-8604 (ask for Darlene)**. In addition, please make sure to review the Journal article this month on "**A Wider Circle**" about the pickup, which will be taking place in the Town on **Saturday, October 15, 2011**.

## Town Street Paving Program

Beginning on **September 19, 2011**, the Town will begin its street paving program. The work will continue into **mid-October**. Please follow all **No Parking** signs posted. Violators will be towed. Please contact me if you have any specific questions about the paving program.

## Public Hearing On East Wisconsin Avenue Proposed Sidewalk

The **State Highway Administration** is proposing to construct a **5-foot** sidewalk along the east side of **MD 355 (Wisconsin Avenue)** between **Grafton Street** and **MD191 (Bradley Lane)**. A Public Meeting will be held on **October 5, 2011** from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** at the **Chevy Chase Village Hall** located at **5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**. Any interested member of the public is invited to attend.

## Curb Cut Policy

The **Town Council** recently enacted a **curb cut policy**. For the near to immediate future, only one curb cut will be permitted per property. No requests will be

accepted to consider the approval of two or more cuts. In addition, any application to widen an existing curb cut cannot exceed **20 feet**. If anyone has questions regarding this policy, contact me.

## Enforcement Of Generator Noise Regulations

Many homes in the Town either already have **generators** installed or will be applying to install **emergency** generators. Most of these generators have been unable to pass the county **noise level** requirements. The **Town staff** and I will be sending out letters in the very near future requesting that **mitigation measures** be taken to meet the noise level requirements. This is a very sensitive issue as we realize that many homes need the generators for various reasons, **medical** or otherwise, but we also must be mindful that the noise of these generators can affect our neighbors.

## Private and Town Tree Removal Process

This is just a reminder that the Town of Somerset **must approve** any trees to be removed within the Town, whether they are **public** or **privately** owned. Please make sure that you contact the Town Hall to obtain a permit in advance of removing any trees from your property. **Violators** of this **Ordinance** are subject to fines in accordance with the **Town Code**.

## Pool Guest Fees In Arrears

We currently have approximately **50 households in arrears** on their Town Pool guest fees account. Please keep in mind that this pool season the Town has required that all guest fees be **PREPAID**. Please contact Town Hall by either phone or email to find out if your account may be in arrears. Town staff will continue to send out notices to those who need to bring their account current.

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# Council Regular Meeting Actions

## September 6, 2011 Meeting

*The Town Council met in regular session on September 6, 2011. The Council took the following actions:*

1. Approval of the July 27, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the August 1, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes.
3. Approval of a building permit extension to October 6, 2011 for applicant located at 4909 Essex Avenue. (Extension granted with conditions on file at the Town Hall.)
4. Approval of an application to remove the following private trees at 4825 Essex Avenue: 21" Pine, 20" Cherry, 8" Japanese Maple, 8" Dogwood, 24" Hackberry, 8" Maple.
5. Approval of a demolition, building, dumpster, and tree removal permits at 4525 Dorset Avenue. The applicant will be demolishing the existing house and constructing a new single family dwelling as per the plans submitted.
6. Approval of the removal of three Town trees due to hazardous conditions. Sugar Maple located 4816 Essex Avenue, Red Oak located at 5525 Warwick Place, and 4812 Essex Avenue.
7. Approval of a building permit and dumpster application at 4919 Cumberland Avenue. The applicant will be constructing a second floor addition.
8. Approval of a Formal Decision for two Pepco Permits for specified work within the Town as drafted by the Town Attorney.
9. Denial of a proposal to install Nano Walls at the Town Pool House.
10. Approval of a proposal from Vigilant Security for Remote Video Monitoring at the Town Pool House.
11. Approval of a Proposal submitted by Washington Painting, Inc. for painting of the siding at the Town Pool House.
12. Approval of six Change Orders and a SMI sign quote for the Pool House Renovation Project.
13. Approval of the date for special trash pick-up that will be Monday, October 17, 2011.
14. Approval of the re-appointment of Council Member William Farley to Montgomery County's Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee.

In addition, the Council heard the September Financial Report from the Town Manager, and the Mayor's Report. Mayor Slavin strongly urged Town residents to make sure that dogs are walked on a leash. The Council also discussed the enforcement of emergency generator noise regulations within the Town. Town staff will be sending letters to property owners who have not yet passed the noise level test requesting that mitigation measures be taken.

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## Odd Jobs List

The **November Journal** will include an updated "**Odd Jobs**" list. If anyone would like to be added or removed from the current list, please email the Town Hall at [town@townofsomerset.com](mailto:town@townofsomerset.com).

## Dog Regulations

Please keep two things in mind regarding **dog walking** within the community: (1) **Per Montgomery County leash regulations**, make sure your dog is on a leash when being walked around the neighborhood. It is important to ensure the safety of pedestrians walking as well as other animals in the neighborhood. (2) **Per the Town Code**, please make sure that dog waste is disposed of properly and not left on Town sidewalks or on private properties within the Town. The Town has received several complaints about this, and we want to make sure it is curtailed for both sanitary and aesthetic reasons.

## Committee/Event Calendar

Town staff is currently working with all the **Town Committees** to make one **comprehensive calendar** available to all residents. Keep in mind this is a work in progress. Please visit the **Town's website homepage** to synchronize your calendar with ours!

## E-Journal Sign-Up

Please contact the Town Hall to opt into the **E-version** of the Town Journal to save the Town money and save trees. *Remember, we are a tree city!*



By Mayor Jeffrey Slavin

Many of you read in the news this month that excellent **Captain Russell Hammill** who is the “chief” of police in our **Montgomery County 2nd District**, based in **Bethesda**, has been promoted to be the **Assistant Police Chief** for the entire County. We have enjoyed working closely with Capt. Hammill, and we congratulate him. Of course, it’s always nice to have friends in high places. We continue to appreciate our relationship with **Community Relations Officer Denise Gill**, and look forward to developing ties with the next commander for our area.

Now at the end of the summer season we have received reports of **burglaries** to several homes in Town. These are more disturbing than usual, because very valuable items were taken and perhaps the persons were even targeted. As a reminder, while the Council, Staff, and I appreciate being contacted, it is important to call the **Montgomery County Police** first, then the Town Hall. If our officers happen to be on duty, they will respond, but at present, their hours are somewhat limited. We would also appreciate **follow-up reports** because we can always try to help move investigations along if residents are not satisfied with their pace.

For the second time in the past year, my neighbors on **Warwick Place** were the victims of an unfortunate crime involving **two flags**. The latest instance occurred on **Labor Day weekend** when both of the small flags placed aside their front walk close to the street were broken. Since this was the **second time**, it would seem to be no coincidence and the victims are understandably upset—as are some of the neighbors who have heard the news. As one neighbor pointed out, this **unpatriotic act** is a “*disservice to our country*.” If anyone has any information about this crime, please get in touch with me. In addition, if anyone actually witnesses something like this in the future, please be sure to be observant, write down the facts, and report accordingly.

The Town will be holding the **official dedication** of our **renovated pool house and pool site** on **Monday, October 3 at noon**. This will be something of a repeat of the **groundbreaking ceremony**, in that we will invite our **architect, contractor, consultants, bankers, and elected officials** to come celebrate the completion of the **historic project**. We are also expecting some **press coverage**. While everyone in Somerset is welcome to attend, **midday on weekdays** are a difficult time to manage, so we are also planning to have a **community celebration** next Spring in conjunction with the beginning of the **2012 season**. As a reminder, I hope to see everyone, and especially our newest residents, at the **Town’s annual Welcoming Party** on **Sunday, September 25 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** at the pool. There will be lots of **food and refreshments** and an **official program**, along with **entertainment** for our younger children.

Several residents have made requests recently to **place benches, trees, or birdbaths** on **Town property** to *commemorate the lives of lost family members*. I personally **love** this idea and have been handling it on a **case-by-case basis** since becoming **Mayor**. However, it is clear that we need a **defined policy** for these requests since we want to make sure that the placement of these items is in the **appropriate location** for all concerned and that they actually enhance the public land. Our newly energized **Parks and Natural Resources Committee** is currently working on a proposal that I trust will be finalized and passed to the Council for consideration in the very near future.

I continue to get complaints about **dogs being walked without a leash**, which also leads to the complaints of **dog poop** not being **picked up**, and **dogfights**. Several violators have been identified and they will be getting **official letters** from the Town this month.

I was so excited on **September 1** to pick up my **Washington Post** front page **Metro section** and read about my distinguished next-door neighbor, **Dr. Norman Coleman** (Warwick) who works at the **National Cancer Institute** and is a **finalist** for the **Samuel J. Heyman Service to Americas Award**, the **Oscar** of the federal world. For those who missed it, I have a copy.

Finally, we will soon start publicizing **Montgomery County Community Service Week, October 16-22**, including a big celebration on that **Sunday in Wheaton**. For more information, go to [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org) for opportunities to serve or [www.worldofmontgomery.com](http://www.worldofmontgomery.com) for details on the festival.

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Classic Volunteers! *from page 1*

*appropriately*). We will assign stations to volunteers who don’t live on the course. Most folks will need to be in place by **8:30 a.m.**; some may need to be in place a little earlier to redirect errant vehicle traffic.

To volunteer, please email **Courtenay Labson** at [labsons@verizon.net](mailto:labsons@verizon.net) or **Stacy Merenstein** at [dougandstacy@gmail.com](mailto:dougandstacy@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

## From the Editor

Please note the following **guidelines** and follow them for your **submissions** to the **Journal**. These are necessary in order to create the **graphic layouts** for the Journal that everyone in Somerset enjoys each month. When you spend your valuable time and effort creating effects and emphasis, the **Editor** must take the time to remove all your hard work so the designer can have a clean file to begin the graphics work. If you have questions, or need guidance for the best way to get the result you want, please contact me by phone or email.

### Journal Guidelines

- Deadline (designated by editor) is 4:30 p.m. on the 15th of each month. Articles submitted after the deadline might not be included in that month's Journal.
- Maximum length of articles by individual Council members and committee members, 500 words per issue.
- Research and information articles assigned by the Council or the Mayor can moderately exceed the 500 word limit in order to present complete information.
- Maximum length of obituaries and unsolicited articles by residents, 300 words.
- Maximum length of Letters to the Editor, 150 words.
- There is no promotion or advertisement of business or commercial interests within Journal articles, with the exception of Classified ads.
- Classified ads must be placed by a resident and contain resident's phone number.
- The Editor will exercise judgment on article length and appropriateness (Town Code grants authority to Editor for final decisions). The Editor may review changes to articles with author if time permits.
- The Publisher (the Mayor) authorizes final publication of the Journal.

### Submission requirements for Journal:

- All items to be included in the Journal must be sent directly to Editor and must conform to the word limits outlined above.
- MSWord or text format by email, or typed and delivered.
- All inserts, artwork, and inclusions come through Editor to go to printer all at the same time.
- Changes to articles submitted after deadline at the discretion of the Editor.
- Documents should be submitted with no formatting, meaning:
  - All single spaced
  - Times New Roman typeface, 12 pt.
  - All paragraphs left block, including headings
  - No arbitrary punctuation
  - Double space (using enter) after paragraphs (not automatic double-spacing)
  - Any special treatment or emphasis within articles should be noted in a side note for the Editor

Editor will be happy to guide contributors in setting up their computer options to conform to formatting guidelines, or to offer guidance in preparing articles for submission.

# Recycling Guide

Town of Somerset Environment Committee  
June 2011



YES	NO
 <p><b>Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drink boxes</li> <li>• milk cartons</li> <li>• newspaper and inserts</li> <li>• white or colored paper</li> <li>• food and snack boxes</li> <li>• hard and soft cover books</li> <li>• greeting cards</li> <li>• non-foil gift wrap</li> <li>• catalogs and magazines</li> <li>• junk mail</li> <li>• phone books</li> <li>• bagged shredded paper</li> <li>• three ring binders</li> </ul>	<p><b>Paper</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• paper towels</li> <li>• tissues</li> <li>• food-soiled paper plates or cups</li> <li>• foil gift wrap</li> </ul> <p>Plastic clam shells (used for electronics, toys, batteries, strawberries, blueberries etc.) are now recyclable.</p>
 <p><b>Plastic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bottles (milk jugs, soda, detergent, salad dressing, cooking oil, shampoo, liquid soap, spray products, etc.)</li> <li>• tubs</li> <li>• jars</li> <li>• trays</li> <li>• disposable cups</li> <li>• plates</li> <li>• flower pots</li> <li>• toys</li> <li>• buckets</li> <li>• plastic grocery bags bundled together</li> </ul>	<p><b>Plastic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• styrofoam</li> <li>• plastic clam shells (packaging for electronics, toys, batteries, etc.)</li> <li>• CD jewel cases</li> <li>• motor oil containers</li> <li>• pesticide or solvent bottles</li> <li>• VHS tapes</li> <li>• plastic electronics</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Cans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aluminum and steel cans (drink, food, and pet food)</li> <li>• EMPTY aerosol cans (hairspray, whipped cream, etc.)</li> <li>• aluminum foil</li> <li>• pie and cake pans</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• propane cylinders</li> <li>• beach or lawn chairs</li> <li>• pots and pans</li> <li>• scrap metal</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Glass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any color glass</li> <li>• bottles</li> <li>• jars</li> </ul>	<p><b>Glass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• window glass</li> <li>• drinking glasses</li> <li>• mirrors</li> <li>• ceramics</li> <li>• crystal</li> <li>• cookware</li> <li>• light bulbs</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Cardboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flatten all boxes to less than 4' x 6'</li> <li>• bundling is preferred but not required</li> <li>• bundles should be no higher than 6 inches</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cardboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• styrofoam inserts</li> <li>• food-soiled boxes</li> </ul>

**You don't  
have to  
remove lids,  
caps or  
labels!**

**Please no yardwaste or trash in your recycling container.**

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# Preliminary Agenda

## Regular Town Council Meeting

Somerset Town Hall – Monday, October 3, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

The Somerset Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2011 at the Somerset Town Hall.

Agenda updates are posted on the Town website:

**[www.townofsomerset.com](http://www.townofsomerset.com)**

### Regular Meeting of the Town Council

1. Council Work Session – 7:00 p.m.
2. Council Meeting Convenes – 7:30 p.m.

### Motion: To approve the following Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2011 Executive Session

September 7, 2011 Executive Session

3. Discussion: Town Manager's October Financial Report – 7:35 p.m.
4. Comments: Town Residents/Agenda Items – 7:40 p.m.
5. Comments: Town Residents/Non-Agenda Items – 7:50 p.m.
6. Discussion: Pool House Construction Update – 7:55 p.m.
7. Motion: To remove the following Town Trees as recommended by the Arborist and as listed in the October Town Journal – 8:10 p.m.  
Capello Park Red Maple Tree #883, 30" dbh (diameter at breast height).  
Capello Park White Pine Tree #907, 12" dbh.  
Naturalized area on the corner of Wisconsin and Dorset Ave. South of Dorset Ave. The area has five dead trees to remove, four are under 12" dbh, one is 20 dbh.
8. Motion: To adopt a Resolution proclaiming November to be Municipal Government Works Month – 8:15 p.m.
9. Motion: To award contract for leaf removal from the upper pool parking lot for calendar year 2011 – 8:20 p.m.
10. Motion: To confirm closure of Wisconsin Avenue and River Road entrances on Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for the 8K road race sponsored by the Somerset Elementary School PTA – 8:25 p.m.\*
11. Discussion: Mayor's Report – 8:30 p.m.

### Key

**Public Hearing Item:** Agenda item where public comment is permitted.

**Discussion Item:** Agenda item limited to discussion among the Council, Mayor and Town Staff.

**Motion Item:** Agenda item requesting action, limited to Council discussion.

**Comments:** Opinions and Questions from Town residents.

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